

# Vaccines for Children

Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2021 will:

prevent **472 million** illnesses  
*(29.8 million hospitalizations)*



more than the current  
population of the entire U.S.A.

help avoid  
**1,052,000**  
deaths



greater than the  
population of Seattle, WA

save nearly **\$2.2 trillion** in total  
societal costs  
*(that includes \$479 billion in direct costs)*



more than \$5,000 for each American

Updated 2021 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1994-2021."



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[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vfcprogram/](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vfcprogram/)